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The following observations were made in Lerbunburg (A 52/D 76) on 10 and 25 January 1950:

1. a. Kaserne on Ilberstedterstrasse:

(1) Partly occupied by 500 to 600 troops on 10 January 1950. Officers' billets were occupied to capacity. The following service colors and insignia were observed:

Red-bordered black epaulets without insignia
Red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia
Red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia
Black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia

(2) The kaserne was allegedly occupied by the following units:

(a) Battalion of a gun regiment, equipped with 76.2-mm guns

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(b) Headquarters of a motorized regiment

(c) Regimental units, troops wearing motor transport and signal insignia

(d) Motorized battalion

(e) Regimental artillery of the motorized regiment, equipped with light guns without muzzle brake.

(f) Possibly another artillery unit of one battalion.

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(3) One officer and 12 EM were observed while training with two 76.2-mm AT guns.

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b. Kommandatura:

The offices of the kommandatura were still on Friedensallee but in houses opposite the previously occupied buildings. It is still not known whether the offices were moved permanently or whether the old office rooms were only vacated for renovation.

c. The NWD office was still on Franzstrasse.

d. Seven unarmed BM, carrying suitcases and packages, boarded a train to Magdeburg via Guesten. A captain was observed to leave for Koethen.

2. Kaserne on Ilberstedterstrasse:

Allegedly occupied by an AT artillery unit on 25 January 1950. Guns of about 100 caliber with barrels about five meters long were observed.

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Comment:

- a. It is rather safely assumed from the report that a regiment of the (3rd Cds ?) AT Arty Brig of the Third Shock Army is stationed in Bernburg. However, as [redacted] previously reported an artillery unit with 122-mm guns to be located there too it appears possible that a unit of another Third Shock Army artillery brigade (44th Gun Arty Brig ?) may be also stationed in Bernburg.

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